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Friday - 9 February 1973 25X1 5. Met with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy stair, and provided him with the names of our station chiefs 25X1A 25X1. 6. Left with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, a copy of a Wall Street Journal item covering the NHA, Inc./Air Vietnam joint venture and two background papers on NHA, Inc. Slatinshek mentioned that Defense Department representatives had told him NHA, Inc., was associated with Air America and had merged with Air Vietnam. Slatinshek told his contact that he thought this information was incorrect and had asked them to double check it. Slatinshek also gave me a copy of the San Francisco Chronicle advertisement for NHA, Inc. 25X1 7. Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about further follow up on Mr. Schlesinger's letter to the Committee on questions raised during his confirmation hearing. Braswell said he would not want to be quoted but he thought we should do nothing further on this unless these subjects are brought up again. 25X1A 25X1 OTR, called and asked if we could arrange for a briefing on the Hill for the Advanced Intelligence Seminar in the afternoon on Wednesday, 21 March. I told him I would see what we could do. 25X1A JOHN M. MAURY Legislative Counsel cc: O/DDCI 25X1A Mr. Houston

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Thursday, February 1, 1973

NHA Inc., Air Vietnam Sign Joint-Venture Pact

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter LOS ANGELES — NHA Inc. said it signed a formal long-term joint-venture agreement with Air Vietnam, the national airline of South Victnam, for a three-stage postwar reconstruction program.

The joint venture is called NHA-Air Vietnam Services. The initial stage involves an estimated \$40 million in annual revenues for the maintenance of rotary and fixed-wing aircraft to be used for either military or commercial purposes.

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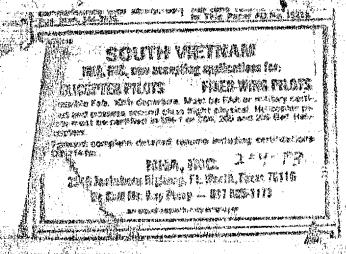
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By LEE EGERSTROM Pioneer Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON . — A Texas firm is expecting to receive contracts today; from the Defense Department and the Canadian government to supply helicopter and airplane pilots for South Vietnam.

The Canadians are seeking American pilots to fly soldiers who are part of the International Commission for Control and Supervision (ICCS) established under the cease-fire agreement in South Vietnam.

However, a spokesman for NHA, Inc., of Fort Worth, Tex., said his firm also is expecting contracts from the Defense Department and said he didn't know what pilots recruited under those contracts would be doing.

Ray Perry, a recruiter of pilots for NHA, indicated in a telephone conversation that the company expects to receive confirmation of Defense Department contracts today.

A member of the House

Armed Services Committee, conducting an investigation after seeing newspaper advertisements for pilots, said late Thursday the Defense Department has not confirmed that it will offer contracts to NHA.

Rep. Charles Gubser, R-Calif., said he learned the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was not involved in any NHA-hired pilots for South Vietnam.

NHA has current contracts with Air Vietnam providing civilian pilots and maintenance person-

nel. That airline is about 85 per cent owned by the South Vietnamese government with the rest held by French private interests, Gubser said.

Gubser said late Thursday that he was seeking information from the Pentagon whether American funds will be used for pilots in Victnam, and what work these pilots would be doing.

Sen. William Proxmire's office also has started inquiries into the use of American pilots in Vietnam. The Wisconsin Democrat, frequently a critic of the Defense Department, wants to know if these pilots will be "mercenaries" paid by the Pentagon to skirt the cease-fire agreement which limits American involvement, an aide said.

Advertisements have appeared this week in large daily newspapers stating, "South Vietnam, NHA, Inc. now accepting applications for helicopter pilots — fixed-wing pilots.

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military certified and possess second class flight physical. Helicopter pilots must be certified in UH-1 or 204, 205 and 206 Bell helicopters."

Perry acknowledged that Canada wants pilots to fly the ICCS inspection forces in South Vietnam.

Canada, Hungary, Poland and Indonesia have supplied the international forces sent to monitor and carry out the cease-fire agreement signed by the Americans, North and South Vietnam and the Viet Cong.

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